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HURST URBAN DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1918.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hurst Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The Local Government Board suggest that the Annual Report for 1918 should be brief, dealing chiefly with the vital statistics and incidence of disease.

There were 135 births and 131 deaths registered during the year. The Registrar General's estimated population for calculating the birth rate (total population) is 8,392; death rate (civilian population) is 7490.

	PER 1,000 OF POPULATION.		Epidemic	Phthisis	Rate of Deaths under
	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Death Rate	Death Rate	1 year to 1000 Births
1918.	16.0	17.6	1.20	1.06	125
1917.	17.0	15.9	0.53	1.33	84
Mean of 10 years					
1908-1917.	24.5	16.6	1.61	1.20	134
Increase or decrease in 1918 on previous year	-1.0	+1.7	+0.67	-0.27	+41
Ten years' average	-8.5	+1.0	-0.41	-0.14	-9

During the year there were 17 deaths of infants under the age of 1 year, 2 dying within the first week, and 3 within the first month of life

Bronchitis and Pneumonia was the cause of death in 5 cases.

Congenital Debility	"	"	3	"
Diarrhœa	"	"	6	"

Infectious Diseases.

49 cases were notified during the year; 33 in the West Ward and 16 in the East Ward.

Measles.—19 cases were reported from January to June, when the epidemic which broke out in May, 1917, finally subsided, and from July to the end of the year no further cases were reported. No deaths.

Scarlet Fever.—11 cases. No deaths.

Erysipelas.—2 cases. No deaths.

Diphtheria.—4 cases. 4 deaths.

Enteric Fever.—2 cases. No deaths.

A specimen of blood taken from one of the cases was examined bacteriologically at the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, and found to give a positive re-action.

Puerperal Fever.—1 case. 1 death.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—1 case.

Tuberculosis.—Pulmonary, 6 cases. 8 deaths. Non-pulmonary, 3 cases. 5 deaths.

Attendances at the School :—

Mothers	1222
Children	653
Number of expectant mothers attending the school, 7.	

I wish to thank the Council for allowing me to join H.M. Forces in June, Dr. Bowman for acting as Medical Officer in my absence, and Mr. Shirt, Inspector of Nuisances, for the great help he has given in the keeping of records, and especially for his ever-ready help on my return to duty in December.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

RICHARD PRICE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Report of Inspector of Nuisances.

Number of Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease	49
Do. inspected under Housing of Working	
Classes Acts	1050
Do. inspected under Sec. 17 of the Act of 1909	0
Number of Closing Orders made	0
Do. Dwelling-houses demolished	0
Do. Cowkeepers.....	5
Number of Inspections during the year	30
Do. Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than	
Cowkeepers).....	6
Do. Notices served to abate nuisance	13
Do. Nuisances remedied	13
Do. Smoke observations	72

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Number of Privy Middens	46
Do. Pail Closets	6
Do. Fresh Water Closets	322
Do. Waste Water Closets	1770
Do. Privy Middens converted to Water Closets	0

ASHPIT ACCOMODATION.

29 Fixed Ashpits in combination with privies.

529 Fixed Ashpits not in combination with privies.

40 Moveable Receptacles of galvanized iron with covers.

281 Galvanized Bins with no covers, but under covered recess with doors.

50 Wood Tubs with no covers, but under covered recess with doors.

99 covered ash places have been provided at the rear of houses in which there are no bins provided, which are dealt with in the ordinary way ; but the Council have now made arrangements by which bins can be supplied at a reasonable rate.

*Annual Report on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901,
in connection with*

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES
AND HOMEWORK.

PREMISES.	INSPECTION.		
	NUMBER OF		
	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
5 Factories	30	0	0
38 Workshops	228	1	0
0 Workplaces	0	0	0
Total	258	1	0

PARTICULARS.	DEFECTS FOUND.			
	NUMBER OF DEFECTS.			
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Number of Prosecutions.
Want of Cleanliness.....	0	0	0	0
Other Nuisances	1	1	0	0

REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Bakehouses	20
Laundry	1
Plumber	2
Herb Beer Bottlers	3
Mineral Water Manufacturer ...	1
Hat Manufacturer	1
Charcoal Maker	1
Joiner and Builder	2
Spice Maker	1
India-rubber Merchant	1
Rag-sorting Works	1
Tubular Band Works	1
Other Workshops	3
Total	38